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## PUBLIC STATEMENT

The Fraser Valley Metis Association Board, newly elected by membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held September 13, 2025, recognizes the questions and concerns currently circulating within parts of our community and online.

We acknowledge that many of these concerns stem from issues and experiences that occurred prior to the current Board's term. While we understand the urgency some may feel to see matters resolved, the newly elected Board has been in place for just over a month and continues to focus on re-establishing a stable, transparent, and community-driven foundation for FVMA's operations.

Since our election, the Board has been working diligently to:

- Regain secure access to essential administrative systems and records;
- Establish a permanent home for FVMA and its community gatherings;
- Launch initiatives for community healing and reconciliation; and
- Ensure compliance with FVMA's governance responsibilities under provincial legislation and its chartered agreement with Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).

We are aware that some online commentary has presented incomplete or inaccurate interpretations of recent events. The FVMA Board will not engage in personal disputes or reactive communications. We remain committed to ensuring that verified information is made available through FVMA official channels.

As part of our due diligence, we are reviewing available records, financial transactions, and administrative processes to build a complete and accurate picture of FVMA's operations. This work takes time, especially given the decentralized nature of past recordkeeping practices. Our goal is to ensure that any future decisions are informed by verified facts, proper documentation, and qualified professional advice.

We recognize that prior challenges have had personal and emotional impacts on members and former leaders alike. The Board's approach is guided by fairness, respect, and the Métis values of kinship and accountability. Healing and rebuilding trust require time, truth, and participation from the entire community.

We ask our members and the public to seek updates directly from the official FVMA communications and to support the upcoming community healing and revitalization initiatives. Our shared focus must remain on the wellbeing and unity of the more than 1200 FVMA members we serve throughout Abbotsford, Mission, and Dewdney.. The Board will continue to provide updates as our organizational review progresses.

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